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Subject: **CUSTODY AUTOMATION PLAN UPDATE**

This memo is to provide you with an update on the status of the projects that comprise the Coordinated Law Enforcement Justice Information Systems (CLEJIS) Committee's Custody Automation Plan.

BACKGROUND

Coordination between my office and the CLEJIS committee members produced the Custody Automation Plan, which your Board approved on October 14, 1997. The plan delineates nine separate systems projects that were identified to address custody technology issues. Of the nine projects, the following have been completed: Jail Hospital Information System (JHIS), Defendant/Inmate Movement Management System, Automated Jail Information System (AJIS) Replication, PC/LAN Infrastructure, LiveScan Interface, Incident/Disciplinary Tracking and Automated Warrant Check projects. The remaining, two, unfinished projects are the focus of this report:

- Trial Court Information System (TCIS)/AJIS Interface, and
- AJIS Mainframe Replacement Project.

THE TCIS/AJIS INTERFACE PROJECT:

APPLICATION	Planned Dates		Forecasted Dates	
	Start	Completion	Start	Completion
TCIS/AJIS Interface Project	8-7-1997	1-31-2000	8-7-1997	Unknown

This interface is intended to improve communication between the Courts and the Sheriff by replacing handwritten and manually delivered custody-related court orders with the electronic transfer of those orders from the Court's computer system to the Sheriff's computer system. Anticipated benefits include increased functionality for TCIS, a more timely delivery of custody orders from the Court to the Sheriff, increased legibility due to the elimination of handwritten court orders, and the elimination of redundant data entry of custody orders into AJIS. The implementation of this interface, while not providing a complete solution, will have a positive effect in mitigating the occurrence of erroneous releases and/or over-detentions of inmates in the Sheriff's custody.

Status: As a result of numerous interruptions and budgetary shortages, the TCIS/AJIS interface project is five years overdue. In September of 2002, the project ran critically short of funding and the principal agencies involved in the project [Information Systems Advisory Body (ISAB), Internal Services Department (ISD), Sheriff, and Superior Court] suspended all substantive work on the interface project. These agencies also stipulated that ISD would have to produce a fixed-price proposal clearly detailing how much more time and funding would be required to complete its work on the project.

ISD has completed its initial review of the Superior Court's functional requirements and specifications and has released a fixed-price proposal for funding consideration. The project, as specified, is projected to exceed \$2.7 million and take up to five (5) years to implement. Given the preceding facts, several options are now being considered to allow for a faster implementation with somewhat less functionality that would still provide many of the identified benefits the agencies are seeking. Accordingly, ISD, Courts and Sheriff are working together to provide cost/time estimates for the initial phase. The principal agencies will then have to determine whether or not there are sufficient funds available to complete Phase 1 over the projected time period. If not, efforts will have to be made to identify additional sources of funding.

Key to dividing the project into two deliverables is the Sheriff's support for accepting an interim deliverable that, while not complete, would provide a significant degree of enhancement and be perceived as taking prudent action to mitigate over-detentions and erroneous releases. The project team is awaiting the Sheriff's response to this alternative approach.

THE JAIL INFORMATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (JIMS) PROJECT:

APPLICATION	Planned Dates		Forecast Dates	
	Start	Completion	Start	Completion
JIMS Project	8-1-1998	4-1-2000		
Phase 1 Functionality	6-1-2004	11-18 2005	6-1-2004	11-18-2005
Phase 2 Functionality				To Be determined
Phase 3 Functionality				To Be determined

Originally referred to as the AJIS Replacement Project, the Sheriff has renamed this project the Jail Information Management System (JIMS). The Sheriff worked with ISD to competitively procure a commercial-off-the-shelf (COTS) jail management software package from Syscon Justice Systems (Syscon). Sheriff personnel have defined the functional gaps that exist between the COTS business processes and the additional jail management functionality needed by the Sheriff. Specifications for the additional functionality have been completed and the deliverables divided into three phases. Your Board approved the implementation of Phase I functionality on December 2, 2003. Future implementation contracts for Phase II and Phase III functionality will be submitted to your Board for approval as funding permits.

Phase 1 consists of inmate trust accounting, web access to inmate information, classification integration, case jacket tracking, property tracking, external agency billing, medical co-pay and XML AJIS interface. Phase 2 includes inmate transfer/movement, inmate document control, facility checks/inmate counts, inmate administrative services, inmate activity tracking, visitation tracking, food services, work tracking and inventory control. Phase 3 consists of consolidated booking, management statistical and external systems interfaces.

Status: The inmate trust accounting and medical co-pay deliverables of Phase I have been accepted and are in production use. The remaining Phase I deliverables are scheduled for completion by November 2005.

If you have further questions, please contact me at 213.974.2008.

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